

## ONE EPIC PICK

Antique hunters strike gold in Keizer man's garage

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Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz have been all over the country since their television show *American Pickers* debuted on the History Channel in 2010.

But their most expensive purchase, airing Monday, April 10 at 9 p.m., came in Keizer.

Last September, a week before the pickers were scheduled to visit, Zane Leek, along with his mother and brother, met to go through all the stuff his father had left them to determine what was and wasn't for sale.

One item they decided they wanted to hold on to was a 1922 Ace motorcycle. But that was before Wolfe offered \$45,000 for the bike Leek believes his dad paid around \$35 for when he spotted it under someone's porch in Portland in the early 1960s.

"I love the bike," Leek said. "It was a classic old bike but it didn't run and it needed a lot of parts. Obviously, none of the stuff is mine. It's my mom's stuff and I got to thinking my mom is never going to get any enjoyment out of that motorcycle, she's never going to ride

it and my brother, he's never going to ride it. I'm 46 years old. I'm probably never going to ride it in my lifetime. We can take the money from that to get something that we really want on the road."

The one car that comes to mind is a 1950 Frazer Convertible the family took on trips to Colorado Springs, Long Beach and into Canada.

"Our family vacation was a car show, usually," Leek said. "It's been all over. It's a pretty rare car. They only made like 65 of them."

But the Frazer hasn't ran in 15 years.

"I'm trying to get it back on the road and make it drivable again," Leek said. "It needs brakes and carburetor work, all that stuff from sitting. It needs attention."

Wolfe and Fritz weren't satisfied with just the 1922 Ace. The pickers also purchased three 1930s motorcycles, a 1947 Knuckle engine and another \$5,500 worth of miscellaneous items for a grand total of \$90,550, the biggest buy Wolfe and Fritz have ever made.

The pickers, with a crew of

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— Zane Leek



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ABOVE: Keizer resident Zane Leek received a visit from the *American Pickers* crew. LEFT: Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz.



11 people, spent two days between Zane's childhood home in Keizer and his parent's property out in Macleay. They

ate lunch at Birdie's Bistro.

"The nice thing was there was nothing that was staged," Leek said. "Mike and Frank

never went inside the buildings first. What you see on TV will be exactly the way it happened. All the negotiations were real. It was a really good time. It was so much fun. I woke up at about two in the morning after the first day, after we filmed here and at my dad's, and thought 'Oh my God, did I just sell all my dad's stuff? Is this real?' My dad would be pissed if he knew I was selling all his stuff. I'm part hoarder, too. I try not to be."

When Zane's father Larry died, he left the family 150 cars, jammed pack into storage

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## Lots of questions, few answers at state rep.'s Keizer town hall

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**  
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Rep. Bill Post has had a rough go of it in the early weeks of the 2017 legislature.

"As of yesterday, all my 13 bills are dead. They didn't make it out of committee," Post said.

Post spoke with about three dozen area residents at a town hall meeting Friday, March 31, at the Keizer Fire District station.

Post had submitted a number of bills prior to the legislative session, but said most hope for what he called the "Sudafed bill," which would have allowed Oregonians to purchase pseu-

doephedrine products over the counter again.

"That was my No. 1 priority and it got killed yesterday," Post said.

Later on in the evening, Post walked back on the claim that all his bills had died. He did manage to get one cosponsored bill passed — but all it did was officially recognize Newberg as Oregon's "Camelia City."

Post and his support staff put up a poll on social media in the days leading up to the event asking what issues constituents would like him to address during the meeting. However, the ones that received the most attention in the poll — like the state budget, transpor-



Rep. Bill Post

## Keizer's first doctor turns 100

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Dr. Vernon Casterline suspected he might make it to 100 years old.

"I had a second cousin who lived to 100 and two aunts who lived a little longer," Casterline said. "I thought maybe I would, but it wasn't something I was shooting for. Now, I'm getting cold feet."

He attributes crossing the threshold to "moderation in all things," but he suggests getting started pre-birth.

"Pick good ancestors," he quipped.

Casterline will celebrate the centennial of his birth with friends and family at Avamere Court on Thursday, April 13, but those who have gotten to know him over the past 10 decades are invited to attend a birthday open house at Keizer

Heritage Center on Saturday, April 15, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Casterline's time in Keizer predates the city itself by more than three decades. He was the first doctor with an office in town and served as the team doctor to a generation of McNary High School athletes.

Casterline was born on his father's homestead in eastern Montana, but ended up living with his grandmother in Minnesota after his mother died a year-and-a-half after his birth.

He never set out to become a doctor, but some old-fashioned grit and curiosity led him to his vocation.

"My family was all farmers. The homestead was thistles, grasshoppers and rocks. When I look back on it now, I didn't realize it was happening," he said.

Casterline departed Minnesota with a plan to finish high



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Dr. Vernon Casterline opened the first doctor's office in Keizer on Sept. 8, 1950.

school back near his father's home, but the nearest school was 35 miles away in Glasgow, Mont. It meant a long trek on a

bus every day.

"I asked my teacher to keep a look out for a job that came

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## Parks fee gets majority support

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**  
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The future of a fee that would create a dedicated parks fund is now in the hands of the Keizer City Council.

At its meeting Monday, April 3, members of the parks board and public works staff submitted the findings of a parks survey that residents completed during the past three months. The council agreed to schedule a special council meeting to look at what the next steps will be. No date was set, but there will be time for residents to offer public testimony.

Matt Lawyer, a member of the parks board and the point man leading up the survey effort, delivered the results with visual aids. Lawyer brought in two basketball hoops, one that was rusty and broken taken from a court in Claggett Creek Park and a new one he purchased himself and was donating as a replacement.

"One of these is where we are right now, the other is where I think we deserve to be," Lawyer said.

Residents returned 1,102 surveys, which amounts to about 8 percent of Keizer's roughly 14,300 households. Most survey respondents (23.8 percent) said they supported a \$4 fee, but the results were fairly close across the board. An \$8 fee was supported by 21.9 percent of respondents; a \$2 fee garnered in with 21.6 percent of the votes; 17.2 percent wanted no fee; and a \$6

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